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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Recent allegations against the conduct of the
3 United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and its personnel
4 have led to the resignation of former acting IRS commissioner
5 Steven T. Miller; and

6 WHEREAS, In a hearing before the U.S. House Committee on
7 Investigations, IRS divisional chief Lois Lerner pleaded her
8 rights under the Fifth Amendment, an article of the Bill of
9 Rights; and

10 WHEREAS, The last time members of the Illinois House of
11 Representatives visited the National Archives, there were 10
12 amendments in the Bill of Rights, including the right to
13 peaceably petition the government for a redress of their
14 grievances (First Amendment) and the right to privacy against
15 unreasonable search actions by law enforcement (Fourth
16 Amendment); and

17 WHEREAS, Director Lerner's IRS division, the Exempt
18 Organizations Unit, was responsible for the controversial
19 "Target: Tea Party" initiative under which nonprofit
20 organizations, seeking certification of their 501(c) rights,
21 were subjected to onerous administrative delays and intrusive
22 questioning by IRS bureaucrats; and

1 WHEREAS, Many Illinoisans will agree that the alleged
2 conduct of the IRS, in singling out groups with grievances and
3 subjecting them to privacy-violating bureaucratic search
4 actions, appears to constitute not only violations of federal
5 law, but also an outrageous violation of the spirit of the Bill
6 of Rights; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we call upon the Unites States House of Representatives and the
10 United States Senate to fully investigate the growing
11 allegations against the Internal Revenue Services, including
12 (but not limited to) the IRS's Exempt Organizations Unit within
13 the IRS; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, We determine that should these congressional
15 investigations continue to develop evidence of unlawful
16 conduct by persons holding executive responsibilities within
17 offices charged with immense power over the lives of
18 private-sector Americans, that this investigatory work should
19 be continued by the appointment of a special prosecutor within,
20 but fully independent of, the United States Department of
21 Justice, charged with continuing this case or cases and seeing
22 that justice be done; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, We reaffirm our commitment, which we sealed with
2 an oath when we began our service in the 98th Illinois General
3 Assembly, to the entire U.S. Bill of Rights and the
4 Constitution of the United States; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 presented to the President of the United States, the Attorney
7 General of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury of
8 the United States, the acting commissioner of the United States
9 Internal Revenue Service, the Speaker of the United States
10 House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Leader of the
11 United States Senate, Illinois Senators Richard J. Durbin and
12 Mark Kirk, and to members of the Illinois delegation to the
13 United States House of Representatives.